

Introduced by Senator Calderon

February 22, 2012

An act to add Chapter 5.1 (commencing with Section 42250) to Part 3 of Division 30 of the Public Resources Code, relating to recycling.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1159, as introduced, Calderon. Plastic bag recycling.

Existing law requires an operator of a store, as defined, to establish an at-store recycling program that provides to customers the opportunity to return clean plastic carryout bags to that store. Existing law prohibits a city, county, or other local public agency from taking specified regulatory actions with regard to the recycling of plastic carryout bags. These requirements and prohibitions are repealed on January 1, 2013.

This bill would enact the Plastic Bag Reduction and Recycling Act of 2012 and make a statement of Legislative intent in this regard.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 5.1 (commencing with Section 42250)
2 is added to Part 3 of Division 30 of the Public Resources Code, to
3 read:

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5 CHAPTER 5.1. PLASTIC BAG REDUCTION AND RECYCLING ACT

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7 42250. This chapter shall be known, and may be cited, as the
8 Plastic Bag Reduction and Recycling Act of 2012.

1 42251. The Legislature finds and declares that regulation of
2 plastic bag use, including specifying the recycled content of those
3 bags and providing recycling opportunities, requires a statewide
4 and unified approach.

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